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Dear Mr. Silverglade:

This letter responds to your October 1, 1999, letter to the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition's Office of Constituent Operations (CFSAN/OCO) requesting a public hearing on CFSAN's Draft Affirmative Agenda for International Activities.

The September 17, 1999, Federal Register notice announcing the availability of the Draft Affirmative Agenda requested that interested parties notify FDA within two weeks (by October 1, 1999) of their desire for a public meeting. Your organization was the only one to request a public meeting. Therefore, we do not believe that there is sufficient interest to justify holding a public meeting.

Nevertheless, we still welcome CSPI's written comments on the Draft Affirmative Agenda through the normal comment procedure. If you wish to provide comments, please send them marked for Docket Number 99N-3089 on or before November 1, 1999, to FDA's Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

If you have questions about the Draft Affirmative Agenda, you may call Dr. Catherine Carnevale, Director CFSAN/OCO at 202-205-5032.

Sincerely yours,

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